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SUBJ: SHIP VISITS TO GIBRALTAR

1. GOS PROPOSED AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 31 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SUBMITTED THIS WEEK SHOWS "ENTRY OF AMERICAN WAR SHIPS INTO GIBRALTAR" AS PROSPECTIVE AGENDA ITEM. SPANISH DIPLOMATIC SECRETARY OF JOINT COMMITTEE, PERINAT, SAID THAT AGENDA ITEM STEMS FROM VISIT SEPTEMBER 4 OF USS SPRINGFIELD TO GIBRALTAR BUT MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT.
 2. ON SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, PERINAT STATED THAT AGENDA HAD BEEN PREPARED BY HIGH GENERAL STAFF AND THAT GIBRALTAR ITEM HAD BEEN ADDED WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL. HE PROFESSED ASSURANCE THAT ITEM WOULD NOT BE ON FINAL AGENDA.
 3. NAVAL ATTACHE HAS RECEIVED CUSTOMARY LETTER OF ADMONITION FROM CHIEF OF SECOND SECTION OF NAVY STAFF CONCERNING VISIT OF SPRINGFIELD. LETTER NOTES THAT SPRINGFIELD IS FIFTH US SHIP TO VISTI GIBRALTAR THIS YEAR AND EXPRESSES "DEEP REGRET AND TOTAL DISTASTE ALL SPANIARDS FEEL WHEN US WARSHIPS ENTER THAT COLONY."
 4. EDITORIAL ENTITLED "GIBRALTAR AND WASHINGTON" IN MADRID TABLOID "PUEBLO" SEPTEMBER 18 CONCLUDES THAT
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SINCE SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENSE OF WEST IS ESSENTIALLY

THROUGH ITS AGREEMENTS WITH U.S., U.S. THEN MUST TAKE
POSITIVE POSITION ON SPAIN'S MOST SERIOUS FOREIGN POLICY
PROBLEMS. EDITORIAL CLAIMS SPAIN MUST DEMAND THAT
WASHINGTON, ON ONE HAND, TAKE "CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ON
DECOLONIZATION OF GIBRALTAR" AND, ON OTHER HAND, SPONSOR
SPANISH ENTRY INTO NATO. CONCLUDES THAT THESE TWO STEPS
WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE IN EFFORT TO LIBERATE GIBRALTAR,
ALONG WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC TRICKS STILL TO BE PLAYED, SUCH
AS "LIVELIER ATTITUDE ON PART OF THIRD WORLD" AND "EVEN
PRESSURE BY SOCIALIST BLOC, ONCE RELATIONS WITH THEM
ARE NORMALIZED."

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